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(B) AMBASSADOR IRVING-PINKNEY (EUR/NE) TELECON 2100 HOURS JAN 23
1. AS REPORTED REFTELECON (B) A SATISFACTORY COMPROMISE WAS REACHED TO LAST MINUTE OBSTACLE IMPOSED BY GOI (REFTEL A). UK HAS AGREED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TRAWLERS WITHIN DISPUTED ZONE (NOT RPT NOT ELIMINATE) AND HAS AGREED TO URGE TRAWLERS TO STAY WITHIN A RESTRICTED AREA WHILE TALKS GO ON IN LONDON.
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2. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFED): GOI TEAM DEPARTED THIS MORNING FOR LONDON. TALKS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD THIS AFTERNNON THROUGH TUESDAY MORNING JJNUARY 27. GOI DELEGATION COMPOSED OF: PRIME MINISTER GEIR HALLGRIMSSON, HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT BJTRN BJARNASON, TWO MEMBERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (CHAIRMAN THORARINN THORARINSSON OF PP AND GUDMUNDUR GARDARSSON OF IP), MFA LEGAL ADVISOR AND LOS EXPERT HANS ANDERSEN, FISHERIES MINISTRY OFFICIAL EINAR INGVASSON, AND 3 SENIOR OFFICIALS OF ICELAND'S MARINE BIOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (JACOB JACOBSFON, JONNJONSSON, SIGFUS SCHOPKA). ALSO IN THE DELEGATION WILL BE ICELAND'S AMBASSADOR AND DCM TO LONDON. ROLE OF RESEARCH INSTITUTE MEMBERS WILL BE TO COMMENT ON REPORT OF UK MARINE FISH BIOLOGISTS' REPORT WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED TO GOI AT SAME TIME AS WILSON'S INVITATION TO HALLGRIMSSON.

3. HALLGRIMSSON ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS "TO TALK." HE SAID HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO RETURN WITH A DRAFT OF AN AGREEMENT. IRVING

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